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The settlers at Comox have very just and serious grounds of complaint against the government, in respect of many things, so far as breach of contract goes, it would be hard to find one which the government entered into with these outlying settlers which they have not broken in some way or another. By throwing open this and other outlying districts for colonization, and by encouraging numbers to go out there, the authorities in their different departments certainly lent their aid to implying a contract on the part of the government to render the places selected fit for the settlement, and it must be apparent to every body who has taken the trouble to investigate the matter, that very serious ground of complaint exists with regard to the present condition of the residents in Comox and Cowichan. Cut off from all regular communication with Victoria, it is utterly impossible that one permanent settler can be induced to remain there, unless some steps are taken to give them means of access to a market for their produce—no more, unless the settlers of Comox have a proper road, by which at least, they can reach Nanaimo, how can we expect that they will ever be able to procure the seeds, implements, of husbandry, cattle and other necessary adjuncts to farming life, which would enable them to raise produce in sufficient quantities to be worth bringing to a distant market.

In addition to the want of roads, the settlers are greatly in want of the protection afforded by the occasional presence of a gunboat. At the present time, as appears from the letter of our Comox correspondent the Indians are plundering the settlers *ad libitum*, and are taking their flocks for firewood in the easiest manner. Unless these depredations are checked in the outset, they will become a nuisance of sufficient magnitude to render nugatory all attempts at settling up our coasts. If in addition to the hardships and difficulties with which they have to contend, the agriculturalists are compelled to wage a perpetual system of petty warfare with the Indian tribes of the district, they will abandon the attempt at farming in such localities.

Had not the Comox settlers been a singularly hardy, persevering, and energetic body of men, they would have given way to the prevalent feeling of disgust which has been so generally experienced by others who have gone up country, with whom faith has not been kept, and would have long since abandoned their holdings. There is also an outcry raised for regular postal communication with Victoria, and the presence of a magistrate is found very necessary. Our correspondent also touches upon the desirability of the district being represented in the Assembly.

We certainly think that if these districts had been represented, and by a member who would do his duty to his constituents, many of the evils complained of would long ago have been remedied. An objection was raised to the bill for giving them a representative, that it was unnecessary, seeing that their interests were well looked after by the House generally. We would certainly like to ask the question of the House in general, and of the honorable gentlemen who made the objection in particular, "how is the House in any way taking care of the interests of Comox and Cowichan at present?" Unless the system of non-interference is considered assistance, we certainly think that the settlers have a right to complain of the way in which they have been neglected.

The Crown Lands Committee seem at last to have warmed to their work, and from the number of questions and answers daily published it may be presumed that the evidence adduced before them will be of some importance so far as the sales of Crown Lands made whilst this colony was in its infancy are concerned. We cannot avoid noticing the somewhat extraordinary system that has prevailed as to the surveying of lands. In one notable instance, we find that a purchaser had been allowed to survey his own land. This is surely an arrangement that would not have been carried out in any other colony than our own. It shows a neglect and disregard of the ordinary rules observed where public property is to be dealt with, that we cannot account for in any way. However, one thing is certain, that is, that if the inquiries now proceeding are properly carried out and prosecuted to the end, we shall have before us in the final report of the committee such a complete history of the disposition of the public lands of the colony as will form a proper supplement to the despatches already published relative to some of the lands sold and re-sold, and from which the Government, and as a natural consequence the people, have not reaped the advantage which in natural justice they ought to have derived. Time running on, but we hope now the business seems to have been seriously taken in hand there is a prospect of its being completed during this session.

We wish we could hint at a like prospect for some of the other committees, especially that on the Court of Probate. Nothing can be of more importance than that the past history of this Court should be inquiry into and that its future should be placed on a proper basis. The general administration of our Courts requires investigation, but there is nothing that more loudly calls for revision than the Court of Probate. How, we ask, is the estate of a deceased intestate to be administered at this moment, if there is no official Administrator? Is it to be supposed that the work can be carried on with no officials? Before long it will be necessary to appoint a Committee to inquire into the system of civil judicature in the Colony; we should be very glad to see the matter taken up by one of the City members; there is not another British possession in which legal matters are so delayed and mismanaged as in this Colony. It is high time that we had more judges on the Bench. It is far too much for any one man to preside in the Supreme Court, where all branches of Civil and Criminal jurisdiction are exercised under the cognizance of the judge, and in the Summary Court, which in itself would occupy the attention of a judge for two days at least in every fortnight, sitting regularly. We have from time to time heard many rumours of coming changes, but if the Executive do not take the initiative, surely the House will not neglect the matter; every one is aware of the importance of getting quickly over suits for small amounts, and is very unfair upon those who have but limited means, that they should be kept out of their money for any length of time. Next year will bring in its train many changes, but all that is required will not grow of itself, and we call upon our representatives to take action. It ought not to be allowed to remain a reproach to our Colony that we are behind the world so far as the administration of justice is concerned. Many other things cry aloud for re-

form, but when a Committee of the House of Assembly once makes a report on the state of the Probate Court, we think it will be acknowledged on all sides, that in no branch of the executive is reform more urgently required. We hope something will be done by this Committee before the session terminates, and from the length of time occupied in the examinations before those which are now sitting, we cannot but feel that there is no time to be lost.

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THE ANNIVERSARY DINNER

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In this city, Nov. 25th, at 104 a.m., the wife of Robert George, of a daughter.

POLICE COURT.

Rosedale Wages Suit.—In this case a carpenter who had been employed on the repairs of this vessel summoned Capt.

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